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To Whom It May Concern:

The Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission (SIMAPC) would like to take this opportunity to extend its unequivocal support for the Scott AFB site in St. Clair County, Illinois, as the location for the National Geospatial Agency's (NGA) next NGA West Campus in the greater St. Louis metropolitan area.

SIMAPC's support for the Scott AFB Site is based upon the following: This site meets the needs of the Agency with modern utilities and communication infrastructure and room for expansion. It is available for immediate construction with no environmental contamination and is proposed to be the least cost option, with zero land acquisition, environmental remediation, demolition or archaeological costs. The Scott AFB (St. Clair County, Illinois) site offers unmatched security and proximity to adjacent Scott AFB and Mid-America- St. Louis Airport. Scott AFB has critical missions that have synergy with the NGA mission including USTRANSCOM, DISA, AFNIC, and DITCO. The employees of the National Geospatial Agency would benefit from not paying the 1% earnings tax of the City of St. Louis and enjoy the convenient, safe location with expanded transit opportunities through Metrolink. There is overwhelming community support for the National Geospatial - Intelligence Agency locating at Scott AFB (St. Clair County, Illinois) site throughout Southwestern Illinois, including the recently announced Midwest Cyber Center of Excellence adjacent to the Scott AFB (St. Clair County, Illinois) site.

It is with the above stated facts in mind that the Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan and Regional Planning Commission reiterates' its support for the Scott AFB (St. Clair, Illinois) site as the location for the National Geospatial Agency's next NGA West Campus in the greater St. Louis metropolitan area.

Respectfully,

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